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28. In a driver-operated vehicle provided with a steering wheel region, vehicle radio entertainment deck components, and a vehicle cellular radio telephone for use by a driver in the vehicle, apparatus for enabling said driver, while seated at the steering wheel region of the vehicle, to a predetermined component of the entertainment deck and also to access the cellular radio telephone, all in a diversionless manner with full attention to driving, said apparatus comprising separate control switches for turning said components on and off; a further control switch for enabling the activating and deactivating of the cellular radio telephone; and voice-controlled switching means disposed at said steering wheel region and programmed with a plurality of predesignated voice commands for operation of said predetermined component and also of the cellular radio telephone, the voice-controlled switching means being responsive to said driver speaking such predesignated voice commands live at said steering wheel region for thereupon effecting the activating of the corresponding control switch.--

--29. In a driver-operated vehicle provided with a steering wheel region and a vehicle cellular radio telephone for use by a driver in the vehicle, apparatus for enabling said driver, while seated at the steering wheel region, to access the cellular radio telephone in a diversionless manner with full attention to driving, said apparatus comprising a control switch for enabling the activating and deactivating of the cellular radio telephone; and voice-controlled switching means disposed at said steering wheel region and programmed with a predesignated voice command for the operation of the cellular radio telephone; the voice-controlled switching means being responsive to the driver speaking such a predesignated command live at said steering wheel region for thereupon effecting the activating of said control switch.--

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Please amend the claims 23-25 and 19 as follows::

1/2 --23. In a driver-operated vehicle provided with a steering wheel region and a vehicle radio entertainment deck including one or more of storage-medium player and dictation recorder components, and a vehicle cellular radio telephone for use by a driver in the vehicle, apparatus for enabling said driver, while seated at the steering wheel region of the vehicle, to access a predetermined component of the entertainment deck and also to access the cellular radio telephone, all in a diversionless manner with full attention to driving, said apparatus comprising separate control switches for turning each of said entertainment components on and off; a further control switch for enabling the activating and deactivating of the cellular radio telephone; and voice-controlled switching means disposed at said steering wheel region and programmed with a plurality of pre-designated separate voice commands enabling operation of said predetermined entertainment deck component and also of the cellular radio

telephone; the voice-controlled switching means being responsive to the driver speaking such pre-designated separate voice commands live at said steering wheel region for thereupon effecting the activating of the corresponding control switch.—

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--24. In a driver-operated vehicle provided with a steering wheel region and a vehicle cellular radio telephone for use by a driver in the vehicle, apparatus for enabling said driver, while seated at the steering wheel region, to access the cellular radio telephone in a diversionless manner with full attention to the driving, said apparatus comprising a control switch for enabling the activating and deactivating of the cellular radio telephone; and voice-controlled switching means disposed at said steering wheel region and programmed with a pre-designated voice command for the operation of the cellular radio telephone; the voice-controlled switching means being responsive to the driver speaking such pre-designated command live at said steering wheel region for thereupon effecting the activating of said control switch.--

--25. In a driver-operated vehicle provided with a steering wheel region and a vehicle radio entertainment deck including one or more of storage-medium player, dictation recorder and AM/FM radio-receiver components, apparatus for enabling said driver, while seated at the steering wheel region of the vehicle, to access all of said components of the entertainment deck, all in a diversionless manner with full attention to the driving, said apparatus comprising separate control switches for turning any of said entertainment components on and off; and voice-controlled switching means disposed at said steering wheel region and programmed with a plurality of pre-designated separate voice commands for operation of said components; the voice-controlled switching means being responsive to the driver speaking such pre-

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designated separate voice commands live at the said steering wheel region for thereupon effecting the activating of the corresponding control switch.--

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--19. Apparatus as claimed in claim 23 and in which the initiation of said control switch is also effected by a driver-operated switch button located at the steering wheel structure.- -

Please add the following claims 31-37:

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--31. In a driver-operated vehicle provided with a steering wheel region and a vehicle entertainment deck including of storage-medium player/ recorder and component, apparatus for enabling said driver, while seated at the steering wheel region of the vehicle, to access said components in a diversionless manner with full attention to the driving, said apparatus comprising separate control switches for turning said components on and off; and voice-controlled switching means disposed at said steering wheel region and programmed with predesignated voice command for operation of said component; the voice-controlled switching means being responsive to the driver expressing such predesignated voice command live at the said steering wheel region for thereupon effecting the activating of the corresponding control switch of said components to play/record at the vehicle.--

--32. The apparatus of claim 31 wherein the vehicle also contains a vehicle cellular radio telephone for use by said driver in the vehicle, while seated at the steering wheel region, to also access the cellular radio telephone in a diversionless manner with full attention to the driving, said apparatus comprising a further control switch for enabling the activating and deactivating of the cellular radio telephone; and voice-controlled switching means disposed at said steering wheel region and programmed with predesignated voice command for enabling the operation of the cellular radio telephone; the voice-controlled switching means being responsive to the driver speaking such further predesignated command live at said steering

wheel region for thereupon effecting the activating of said control switch also to transmit over the radio telephone.--

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-- 33. In a driver-operated vehicle provided with a steering wheel region, vehicle radio entertainment deck including REC and player PL components and a vehicle cellular radio telephone transmitter TX for use by a driver in the vehicle, apparatus for enabling said driver, while seated at the steering wheel region of the vehicle, to access said REC and player PL components of the entertainment deck and also to access the cellular radio telephone transmitter TX, all in a diversionless manner with full attention to driving, said apparatus comprising separate control switches for turning said components on and off; a further control switch for enabling the activating and deactivating of the cellular radio telephone transmitter; and voice-controlled switching means disposed at said steering wheel region and programmed with a plurality of predesignated voice commands for operation of said components REC and PL and also of the cellular radio telephone transmitter TX, the voice-controlled switching means being responsive to said driver speaking such predesignated voice commands live at said steering wheel region for thereupon effecting the activating of the corresponding control switch.--

-- 34. In a driver-operated vehicle provided with a steering wheel region and a vehicle cellular radio telephone transmitter TX for use by a driver in the vehicle, apparatus for enabling said driver, while seated at the steering wheel region to access the cellular radio telephone transmitter in a diversionless manner with full attention to the driving, said apparatus comprising a control switch for turning said components on and off; a further control switch for enabling the activating and deactivating of the cellular radio telephone transmitter TX; and voice-controlled switching means disposed at said steering wheel region

and programmed with a predesignated voice commands for enabling the operation of the cellular radio telephone TX, the voice-controlled switching means being responsive to the driver speaking such a predesignated command live at said steering wheel region for thereupon effecting the activating of said control switch.--

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--35. The apparatus of claim 34 wherein the vehicle is also provided with an entertainment deck including recorder REC and player PL components having separate control switches for turning them on and off; said voice-controlled switching means being also programmed with predesignated voice command for operation of REC and PL, and being responsive to said driver speaking such command live at said steering wheel region for thereupon effecting the activating of the corresponding said separate control switch.- -

-- 36. The apparatus of claim 33 wherein said predesignated voice commands enable simultaneous recording at REC and transmitting at TX over the radio telephone transmitter. - -
